

Hydrodynamics
Homework 8: Hamiltonian mechanics
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Problem:

Consider the Hamiltonian description of the rigid body motion with the Poisson bracket defined by the bivector $L^{ij} = -m_k \varepsilon_{kij}$ with ε being the Levi-Civita symbol and \mathbf{m} the angular momentum describing the phase space. Substituting the Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_1^2}{I_1} + \frac{m_2^2}{I_2} + \frac{m_3^2}{I_3} \right),$$

into the general equation $\dot{\mathbf{m}} = \{\mathbf{m}, H\}$ would lead to the equations of motion in the form

$$\dot{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{m} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega},$$

where $\Omega_i = m_i/I_i$ is the angular velocity.

How would the equations of motion change, if we start with a different Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_1^2(1 + I_1)}{I_1} + \frac{m_2^2(1 + I_2)}{I_2} + \frac{m_3^2(1 + I_3)}{I_3} \right)$$

instead of the original one?

(One-line answer might be the correct answer - no long computations needed. Results from the tutorials can help.)